

REMARKS

I. Amendments to the Claims

The Office Action mailed June 2, 2009 has been received and reviewed. The Examiner indicated that claims 1-6 are allowed, and that claims 7 and 8 are rejected.

Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's interpretation of the claim language in claims 7 and 8, with respect to the rejection. In particular, they do not agree with the Examiner's interpretation of the limitations concerning spacing in both the axial and vertical directions. Further, if this language were interpreted in accord with the definitions of the specification, it would be seen that the art cited by the Examiner is readily distinguished. However, to facilitate prosecution at this time, rejected claims 7 and 8 have been cancelled in favor of the subject matter already indicated as allowable. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled subject matter by appropriate means in the future, such as by filing a continuing application.

II. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner's attention is directed to the first Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith, along with the art cited. It is requested that the Examiner review that art and indicate that it has been considered, in the next Office Action.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants Representatives at the below listed telephone number, if there are any questions or concerns regarding this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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